

Formulation of Alternatives:

- We believe the strategy of combining actions to resolve the identified conflict areas resulted in a comprehensive array of starting points for a Bay-Delta solution. The preliminary alternatives developed from these starting points were then combined and improved to address the fourteen objectives and four resource conflict areas. Subsequent technical analysis and refinement produce the twenty alternatives presented at the February workshop. We are currently in the process of refining these alternatives to address comments we have received.
- The current alternative descriptions include general levels of detail (metrification), however additional detail will require further refinement of the alternatives and technical analysis proposed for Phase II of our program.
- We understand there is overlap between these alternatives, but we have arrayed them based on whether their focus is system reoperation, new facilities or a combination of both. Each alternative attempts to address the program objectives for water quality, system vulnerability, ecosystem, and water supply equally within each alternative in a balanced manner. We have not attempted to analyze which alternatives perform best for any resource area, but have only attempted to describe how each alternative performs relative to meeting the program objectives.
- The program is taking a multi-objective approach to address the fourteen objectives and four resource area conflicts. We believe the alternatives represent the complete range of addressing environmental, water quality, system vulnerability, and water supply aspects of the Delta problems. Each alternative attempts to balance the approach of resolving the four resource area conflicts and restoring the ecological health of the system is an important element of each alternative.

Planning Objectives:

- We believe the fourteen program objectives and four resource conflict areas have provided a good starting point for development of alternatives, and our solution principles will provide an overall measure of the acceptability of alternatives.
- The Program is in the process of refining the Financial Strategy presented at the February BDAC meeting. If you need additional information, please contact Zach McReynolds.

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- We believe the fourteen program objectives and four resource conflict areas form a good basis to develop alternatives which meet the intent of the Bay-Delta Accord. The alternatives expand on the goal of the accord resolve Bay-Delta issues and develop a lasting solution to the management of the estuary.
- We believe alternatives presented at the February workshop address the problems resulting from current diversions within the Delta including cross Delta movement of Sacramento River flows, change in timing of flows, and reductions of flows into the system.
- The problem/objective statement for Ecosystem Quality in the December workshop packet (Page A-2) describes how water development efforts have contributed to adverse impacts to the fishery through depletion of flows, modification of flow patterns, diversions, and habitat alteration.